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	Examiner Ryan Gleitz	Art Unit 2852	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 August 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21, 23-25 and 29-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 21, 23-26 and 29-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The amendments to the claims filed on 8 August 2006 and previous amendments filed 1 December 2005 and 26 November 2003 do not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.73(c), which requires “an explanation of the support in the disclosure of the patent for the changes made to the claims.” An explanation for “a surface potential charging unit to expose the surface of the photosensitive drum” as recited in claim 21 at line 5, claim 25 at line 5, claim 29 at line 5, claim 32 at line 5, and “a pre-transfer exposing device. . . to expose a surface of a photosensitive member” in claim 33, lines 1-4 has not been made.

The amendment to the claims filed on 8 August 2006 do not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.73(g), which requires “[a]ll amendments must be made relative to the patent specification, including the claims, and drawings.” The recent amendment represents changes relative to the previous amendment rather than the issued patent.

Claim Objections

Claims 21, 23, and 24 are objected to because claims 21 recites “so” at line 11, which should be --to--.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it

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pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 21, 23-26, and 29-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The material not described in the Specification includes "a surface potential charging unit to expose the surface of the photosensitive drum" as recited in claim 21 at line 5, claim 25 at line 5, claim 29 at line 5, claim 32 at line 5, and "a pre-transfer exposing device. . . to expose a surface of a photosensitive member" in claim 33, lines 1-4.

Rather than a pre-transfer exposing device or a charging unit to expose the surface of the photosensitive drum, the Specification discloses that the PTL (pre-transfer lamp) is intended to "lower the potential of the toner coated on the photosensitive drum," col. 4, line 67 - col. 5, line 1. See also claims 1-20.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 251

Claims 21, 23-26, and 29-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 251 as being based upon new matter added to the patent for which reissue is sought. The added material which is not supported by the prior patent includes, "a surface potential charging unit to expose the surface of the photosensitive drum" as recited in claim 21 at line 5, claim 25 at line 5, claim 29 at line 5, claim 32 at line 5, and "a pre-transfer exposing device. . . to expose a surface of a photosensitive member" in claim 33, lines 1-4.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 33 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fox (US 4,561,761).

Fox discloses a charge erase device (12), which reads on a light guide member, as shown in figure 2 to spread received light in a scan direction of the photosensitive member (15) and to collect the received light [from lamp 78] in a direction perpendicular to the scan direction.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-20 are allowed.

Contact Information

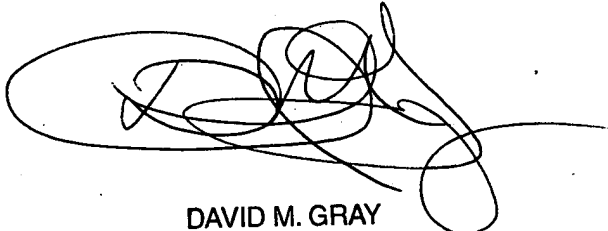
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ryan Gleitz whose telephone number is (571) 272-2134. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday between 9:00AM and 6:00PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Gray can be reached on (571) 272-2119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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